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The nation stands appalled at the exposure of the corrupt methods of the big life insurance companies of New York. The exposures show that they have used the money of their stock holders and policy holders to corrupt the judiciary and Legislatures to buy the very Presidency of the United States, to control the market for speculative purposes, to buy the influence of United States Senators, to control the leading lawyers of the State, to enrich families, to pay princely salaries, to squander by millions, to gratify whims and extravagances. There never was in all the history of the United States anything so appalling and the end is not yet.

Whatever may be the extent of the terpetude and rascality brought to light by further investigation it will not do the policy holders any good. Their money is gone and the thieves who should be behind prison doors will never be convicted. With the millions at their command they will be able to thwart justice.

The investigation has shown one thing however conclusively to the public that life insurance has been conducted on a basis of extortion, that premiums have been more than twice as high as they ought to be and that the millions, yea hundreds of millions, that have been taken by tables fixed for the purposes of deception have been used for nearly every corrupt purpose under the sun except for the benefit of the policy holders.

Let us see how this robbing business has effected the people of Kentucky. The report of our State Insurance Commissioner for the year 1904 is as follows:

Paid in Premiums	
for Life Insurance	\$7,313,556.30
Paid out in losses	\$3,055,579.59

So the people of Kentucky are contributing over four million dollars more for life insurance than it receives for losses. This is several times more than all the people pay for the entire support of the State government. It is several times as much as we pay to carry on all our schools. It is sufficient to build four State Capitols. It is two dollars a year for every man woman and child in the entire Commonwealth. It is ten dollars a year for every male citizen over twenty one years old. No wonder the wealth of the nation is accumulating in the East at the expense of such states as Kentucky. Every year our people are paying this enormous tribute to greed that such corruption and extravagance can exist as is now coming to light as to the management of life insurance companies.

The excess of what Kentucky pays over what it receives from life insurance shows conclusively that insurance is just twice as high as it ought to be.

That the insurance company now charging John Smith \$200 per annum on his policy could reduce the same to \$100 and still leave the insurance company twenty-five per cent., profit on the investment.

It shows that thousands of people could insure their lives if the rates were right who are not now able to do so on account of the excessive premiums.

Kentucky should not sit tamely by and submit to this extortion upon her people. We are talking about the development of our State, what better development could we have than to devise means of keeping \$4,000,000 annually in the hands of our people?

There are no greater leeches sucking the life blood from the

people than these insurance organizations that are taking from Kentucky every year \$7,300,000 and \$3,000,000.

Our Legislature will soon be in session and this question in its importance overshadows the election of a United States Senator or any other proposed legislation.

It is a matter that ought to be met with courage and with intelligence and the people's millions saved from the cormorants who sit on \$12,000 rugs' draw \$100,000 salaries and spend \$250,000 a year on lunches.

In New Zealand where the government carries on the insurance, the premium charges are less than half what they are in this country. The same thing can be done in this country. The figures for Kentucky prove that it can be done.

Kentucky can insure the lives of its citizens at one half what the old line companies are now charging. It could keep in the pockets of our own people \$34,000,000 annually. This is not government ownership or municipal ownership. It does not involve buying anything. It does not involve anything, but the use of the public welfare clause of the constitution to protect its citizens from extortion, to enable people to insure their lives who are not able under present exorbitant premiums. The State Insurance Commission could collect premiums and issue policies on the credit of Kentucky, the County Clerks could send in applications upon the payment of small fees. Reputable physicians could make the examinations and the premiums would pay all the losses. People who are now paying \$300 a year in premiums could carry the same insurance for \$150. Those who were insured at the age of thirty could now at the age of fifty carry a policy with the State at a sum not greater than when they first insured.

If this business can be carried on at half price in New Zealand it can be carried on at half price in Kentucky. The State should either step in and do this or else the rates of life insurance must be fixed by Legislative enactment as railroad rates are, to protect the public from extortion and robbery.

### What The Editors Say.

With competing electric lines of railroad that will carry both passengers and freight and with natural gas within reach, says the Kentucky Citizen, Paris will continue its steady march forward—no mushroom growth, but a real substantial prosperity.

Danville Advocate is of the opinion that there should be a law whereby a minister is entitled to a fixed sum for performing marriage ceremonies.

"There is no pie," says the editor of the Bluegrass Clipper, "like the pumpkin pie." Then he proceeds to thank a subscriber for one sent in that was "an example of the culinary art."

Correspondent of Cattlesburg daily Press says: At Herald chapel, on Cow creek, while Bob Oakes, the preacher, was delivering his sermon, Frank Blackburn and Jack Sherman got into a fight, and a Mr. Woods, who tried to stop them, was stabbed in the back. The congregation fled.

According to the Franklin Favorites, the Hon. D. H. Smith, Congressman from the Fourth district, has reconsidered his determination to retire and will be a candidate to succeed himself.

Because of failidg health, Louis Brownlow, editor of the Paduah News-Democrat, has resigned. T. B. Goodwin, of Nashville, will be his successor.

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PANTS.....	25c.....
TIES.....	3c to 5c.....
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Ttate Journal declares there was not a quorum of Kentucky Colonels at the Barth inaugural. "Not more than 100 shown in the picture," says the Journal, "while there are a hundred thousand Colonels," not of the Barth sort, however.

Lee Hart, of Lexington, prominent man, arrested for alleged theft of a colie pup.

Meadow larks said to have almost entirely disappeared in many parts of the state.

Bowling Green has a calendar club.